A Paper Sent forth into the World,

from them that are ſcornfully called

QUAKERS,

Declaring the ground and reaſons why they deny the Teachers of the world, who profeſs themſelves to be Miniſters, and diſſent from them.

FIrſt, They are ſuch Shepherds that ſeek for their gaine from their quarter, and can never have enough, which the Lord ſent Iaiah to cry out againſt, who bid all come freely, without money, and without price, and was not hired, but ſpoke freely; and theſe make merchandize and a trade of his words, and therefore we cry out againſt them, and deny them, Iſai. 56. ii. & 54. i.

They are ſuch Shepherds that ſeek after the fleece, and cloath with the wool, and feed on the fat, which the Lord ſent Ezekiel to cry wo againſt; who made a prey upon us; and the Lord ſaid he would gather his ſheep from their mouths, and that we ſhould be a pray to them no longer, and wee doe witneſs the promiſe of the Lord fulfylled, and therefore wee deny them, Ezek. 34. 34.

They are ſuch Prieſts, as bear rule by their means, which was a horrible and Filthy thing committed in the land; which the Lord ſent Ieremiah to cry out againſt; while we had eyes and did not ſee, we held up ſuch Prieſts, but the Lord hath opened our eyes, and we ſee them now in the ſame eſtate that they were which Ieremiah cryed out againſt, who did not beare rule by their means, and therefore we deny them. Ier. 5. 31.

They are ſuch Prophets and Prieſts that divine for money, and preach for hire, which the Lord ſent Micah to cry againſt; and whileſt we put into their mouths, they preached peace to us; but now wee do not put into their mouths, they prepare war againſt us, and therefore wee deny them, Micah 3. ii.

They are ſuch as are called of men Maſters, and call men Maſters, and love the chiefeſt place in the Aſſemblies, and ſtand praying in the Synagogues, and lay heavy burthens upon the people which Ieſus Chriſt cryed againſt, and bid his Diſciples not to be ſo, be ye not called of men Maſters, and ye are all brethren; ſo wee

do witneſs Ieſus Chriſt our Maſter, and ſee them to be in the ſteps of the Phariſees, and therefore we deny them, Mat 3. 10. Mat 20. 3.

They are ſuch teachers, that with feigned words, and through covetouſneſs, made merchandize of us, and do upon the people, who by oppreſſion maintain themſelves and wives in pride and idleneſs, in hoods, veils, and changeable ſuits of apparel; who go in the way of Cain; to envie, murder, and perſecute; and after the error of balaam, who loved the wages of unrighteouſneſs, following after gifts and rewards, which the Apoſtles cryed againſt, and therefore we deny them, 2. Pet. 2. Iude 11.

They are ſuch teachers that have told us, the Steeple-houſe hath been the Church, whenas the Scripture ſaith, The Church is in God, and therefore we deny them. 1 Theſſ. 1. .

They are ſuch teachers as have told us, the letter was the VVord whenas the letter ſaith, God is the word, therefore we deny them. Iohn. 1.1.

They are ſuch teachers as have told us, the letter was the light, whenas the letter ſaith, Chriſt is the light, therefore we deny them. Iohn 1, 1. 19. and 8. 12.

They are ſuch teachers as ſprinkle Infants, calling it an Ordinance of Chriſt, and baptizing into the Faith into the Church, whenas the Scripture ſaith no ſuch thing, and therefore we deny them: but the baptiſm by one Spirit into one body we own. 1. Cor. 12. 13.

They are ſuch teachers as tell people of a Sacrament, for which there is not one Scripture, and ſo feed the people with their own inventions, and therefore we deny them, but the Table and Supper of the Lord we owne, 1 Cor. 10.

They are ſuch teachers as tell people, that Mathew, Mark, Luke, and Iohn, is the Goſpel, which are but the letter, The Lambe of God which takes away the Sins of the world, is glad tydings to poor Captives; glad tydings were promiſed before the letter was written, the ſeed of the VVoman ſhall bruiſe the Serpents head, and he ſhall be a light unto the Gentiles, the letter is a Declaration of the Goſpel, and many have the letter, but not Chriſt, but we having received the Goſpel, know them to be no Miniſters of it, and therefore do deny them. Gen. 3. 15. Luke 1. 1.

They are ſuch Miniſters as go to Oxford and Cambridge, and call them the VVell-heads of Divinity, and ſo deny the fountaines of living mercies, and there they ſtudy, and read books, and old Authors, and furniſh themſelves with Philoſophy, and Fine words, and other mens matter, and when they come again they ſell it to poor people, whenas the Apoſtle ſaith, he was not made a Miniſter by the will of man, and that the Goſpel which he preached was not of man, nor had he received it from man, neither was he taught it, and denyed all his learning which he had got by the wil of man at the feet of Gamaliel; and ſo finding them in the will of man, preaching by the will of man, we cannot but deny them. Gal. 1.

They are ſuch teachers that tell people that Hebrew and Greek is the originall, whenas the Apoſtle ſpake in the Hebrew tongue to the Hebrews, they heard him in their own language, and yet perſecuted him; and to the Greeks, who had the Goſpel in their own tongues, ſaid, The Gods of

as ignorant of the life of them, as our naturall Priest, who spend so much time in learning a naturall language, to finde out what those meant that spoke forth the Scripture; who make poor people believe that to know a naturall tongue is the means to understand the Originall; the word which is the original, was before all languages were; the word was in the beginning which word was made manifest in all the children of God, who spake forth the Scriptures: holy men of God spake as they were moved by the holy Ghost. Now all ye learned ones, where is your Originall; here you and your original is razed out from the word, which is the original which the Apostles preached amongst the Hebrews and Greekes, which was before tongues were, and your originall, which will break all your tongues and originall to pieces. Pilate had your original of Hebrew, Greek, and Latine, who crucifyed Christ: he that draws back into many languages, as into Hebrew and Greek, draws back into the naturalls, and so draws into confusion: but the Minister, of God who preach the everlasting Gospel which endures for ever, draw up in o our language, and to the Priests and all that trade in naturall languages we utterly deny: Acts 22. 2. i. Cor. i. 23. Iohn 19. 20.

They are such teachers as have told us, that the Steeple-house is the Temple, whenas the Apostle said, Your bodies are the Temple of the holy Ghost; and Stephen was stoned to death for witnessing against the Temple, who said, God that made the world dwels not in Temples made with hands; and here Finding them in the generation that hold up the Figures, and deny the substance, and to be ignorant of that Spirit that gave forth the Scriptures, we cannot but deny them. iCor. 6. 19 Acts 7,

They are such Priests that take Tythes, the tenth of mens labours and estates; and those that will not give them, they sue at the Law, and hale before Courts and Sessions, yea, even those they call their own people, their own Parishioners: Levi according to the Law received Tythes, and he had a command to set open his gates, that the strangers and the fatherless should come within his gates, and be satisfyed and Filled, but we Finde none more pitiless of the Fatherless and VViddows than they, and the strangers they complain against to Iustices, and persecute, (though they neither seek to them nor others, for any outward thing) as wanderers; and here they walk contrary to the old Law: and the Apostle in his Epistle to the Hebrews said, The Priesthood being changed, there must of necessity also be a change of the Law, and we witness both the Priesthood and the Law changed; but they that take Tythes, and they that pay Tythes, according to the old Covenant, deny Iesus Christ the everlasting Priest to be come in the flesh, and here these Priests shew themselves to be Antichrist, that are entred into the world, and oppress the Creation, whenas Iesus Christ said, Freely ye have received, freely give: and the Apostle said, VVas there a wise man amongst them that went to Law one with another: Here they are evill examples to the people, to sue, wrangle and contend, and walk out of the steps of Christ, and all the holy men of God; yea, they exceed all the false Prophets in wickedness, for we do not read that ever any of them sued man at the Law, and therefore we cannot but utterly deny them, Deut. 14. 29. Heb. 7. 12.

They are such Priests as besides their Tythe of corn, hay, beast, sheep, hens,

pigs, geese, egs, cheries, apples, plumbs, take 10. s. for preaching a funerall Sermon more or leſs, as they can get it, and 10. s. for the death of a man, and Money out of Servants wages, and Money for ſmoake paſſing up the Chimneys, and Eaſter-reckonings, and Midſummer-dues, and Money for churching of VVoman, and thus by every device get money, and burthen poore people that labour very hard, and can ſcarce get Food and Rament, to maintaine them in idleneſs and pride: theſe are they that have hearts exerciſed with covetouſneſs, burthening the truth, and making the free Goſpell chargeable: if the Apoſtle were here, hee would be aſhamed of them, and ſo are we, and therefore turn from them, and deny them, 2. Pet. 2. 3.

They are ſuch Prieſts as not only take Tythes and money for many other things of their own hearts, and ſue them at the Law for it, but they take money of them they do no work for, but onely raile againſt them, and ſay, They that wait at the Alter, are partakers with the Alter; but live of them who are not of the Alter, and ſay, The labourer is worthy of his hire; but take wages of them that have nor hired them, and if they will not give it them, caſt them into priſon, or take their goods by Iuſtices VVarrents; theſe are they that Chriſt cryed wo againſt, who lay heavie burthens upon the people, who oppreſs tender Conſciences, that own the everlaſting High Prieſt; where do they fynde any of the Miniſters of Chriſt bargaining for ſo much a yeare, here they abide not in the Doctrine of Chriſt, but are hirelings, and therefore we deny them, Mat. 23. 4.

They are ſuch Preachers as have told us, They have been gifted men, and we fynde in the Scriptures, that the gift of God is free, and not to be bought and ſold for money, and Iob ſaid, wiſdom is not to be purchaſed for money nor Gold, but they will notſell their gift under 200 l. 100 l. 80 l. or 50 l. a year, more or leſs as they can get it, here we fynde they have not received the gift of God, but are like Simon Magus, and therefore we deny them. Act. 8. 20. Iob. 28.

They are babylons Merchants that make a trade of the Scriptures, and the Saints conditions, which the Prophets and Apoſtles ſpoke forth freely without money, and without price, and bade all come freely. How many hundred thouſand pounds in England is gained by the Scripture [illegible] humane Authors joyned to it; VVhere is there a more profytable [illegible] Here they make the Scriptures their Cloak and Colour to get Mo[illegible] ſo make an Idoll of it, and if any come to witneſs it fulfylled, as [illegible] them that gave it forth, they cry out to the Magiſtrates againſt them as blaſphemers and deceivers: and if they anſwer, He that adminiſters Spirituall things, ought to reap Carnalls, let him conſider the Apoſtle wrote not that to the world, but to thoſe that they had gathered out of the world, to whom the ends of the world were come, and let them gather people out of the world, and then they ſhall not need to bargain with them for things of the world, but their trading is with the world, and therefore we deny them. Iſa. 55. 1.

They are ſuch Preachers as take a Text out of the Saints conditions, and take a VVeeks time to ſtudy what they can raiſe out of it, adding to it their own VViſdome, Inventions, Imaginations, and heatheniſh Authors, and

and then on the fyrst day of the week go amongst the people, having an hour glass to limit themselves by, and say, Hear the word of the Lord; and for money tell people what they have scraped together.

These are they that speak a divination of their own heart, and not from the mouth of the Lord, which the Lord sent Ieremiah to cry out against, Ier. 23.

These are they that use their tongues, and say, The Lord saith, whenas the Scriptures say so, and the Lord never spake to them. Ier. 23.30.

These are they of whom the Lord speaks, I am against all such as steale my word every one from his neighbour: and so we are against all such as Ieremiah was sent to cry wo against, the Pastors that now steale the words of the Prophet of Christ, and the Apostles, the Lord hath shaken his hand at their dishoneſt gaine, and to them belong the plagues that are written in the booke they make a Trade on, for adding to it their own invention, therefore do we come out from amongst them, and deny them. Ier. 23.31.

These are they of whom the Apostle speaks: That creep into houses leading Silly women Captive, which are led away with diverse lusts, which be ever learnisg, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, though some have learned 50, 60, or 70. years, covetous, proud, high-minded, self-willed, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, who have gotten a form of godlines, but deny the power thereof, from which the Apostle bade turn away, and so do we. 2 Tim. 3. 6.

They are such Teachers that gave us, and give people, Davids conditions in Meeter, and when we had no understanding we sung after them, as ignorant people do now, his tremblings, his quakings, his weepings, fastings, Prayers, and Propheſies, and when we sung we put off our Hats, and when they read them, we kept them on, and so they caused us to worship the works of their own hand; here they shew the Spirit of Error, making wicked people to Sing O Lord I am not puft in minde, I have no scornfull eye, I do not exercise my selfe in things that are too high, when they are puſt in minde, and have scornfull eyes, and do exercise themselves in things that are too high, and are full of Filth, pride and loftines, and can scarce [illegible] one another, here they make poore people to offer a Sacrifice of [illegible] make them Hypocrites, deceiving themselves, saying what they [illegible] the Singing with the Spirit and understanding we owne: and therefore the Priests that Sing without understanding we deny. 1 Cor. 14. 15.

They are such Teachers as deny the conditions that the Saints witneſſed, trembling and quaking: when as we fynde the Holy men of God that gave forth the Scriptures witnessed such things Moses, who was Iudge over all Israel, feared, quaked, and trembled exceedingly: and the Son of man was to eat his bread with quaking, and Daniel the man of God trembled and was astonished, and Ieremiah the Prophet of the Lord reeled to and fro like a drunken man, and all his bones did shake, and David who was King trembled and quaked, and Ephraim when he trembled was exalted in Israel, and Habbakkuk who was a Prophet trembled, his belly shook, his lips quivered, and Isaac in whom the seed was called

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trembled exceedingly, and Paul a Minister of Christ trembled, but they make a scorn of trembling, and quaking, and shew themselves ignorant and strangers to the life and power of God, as their generation ever was, who still made a scorn and reproach of the holy men of God that trembled and quaked; but the seed of God, and the Prophets, and the servants of the Lord we own, and their conditions we witness, and therefore all the Priests, and them that deny the holy men of God, we utterly deny, Hebrews, 12. 21. Ezekiel, 12. 18. Daniel 10. 10 Jeremiah 23. 9. Psalm 119. 120. Hosea 13. 1. Habbakkuk 3. 16. Acts 9. 6. Genesis 27. 33.

They are such teachers as tell the people that Christ hath not enlightned every one that comes into the world, whenas Christ saith, He doth enlighten every one that comes into the World: and here they go about to make Christ a lyar, and John Baptist a false Prophet, and deny the Scriptures, and they say, God hath not given every one a measure according to his ability, whenas Christ saith, He hath done it, Christ is the Light of the world, and by him the world was made, and he came into the world, and the world received him not, it is so now, Light shines in darkness and the darkness comprehends it not, and this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world: the one he loves the light, and brings his deeds to it, that they may be made manifest; and walk in it, there is no occasion of stumbling in him, the other he hates the light, because his deeds are evil, and this is his condemnation; and we witness the light wherewith Christ hath enlightned every one that comes into the world, and by obedience to the Light, he is become our Master, our Teacher: and all who stumble at the Light, and deny it, are ignorant of the foundation stone, and know not the First principle, but are shut out from knowing any thing of God, and therefore the Priests and all their followers we deny. John 1. 9. and 3, 19, 20. Mat. 25. 15.

They are such teachers as walk out of the Doctrine of the Apostle; and practice of all the Churches. Paul saith, If any thing be revealed to him that Sits by, let the First hold his peace, for all may prophesie one by one, that God in all things may be glorifyed, and you edifyed, and the spirits of the Prophets are subject to the Prophets, and God is the Author of Peace and not of confusion, and this was in all the Churches of the Saints: but now if any man come among them, while they are speaking, or when they have done, and be moved to speak any thing, them of their Church, the rude multitude, fall upon him with staves, Fists and punches, and knocks him down with stones, shewing themselves to be of that generation that stoned Stephen to death, and the Priests call to the Officers to take him to the stocks, and to carry him before the Magistrate, and from thence he is sent to prison, and called a disturber of the peace: here they shew themselves to be no Ministers of Christ, and their Assembly to be no Church, but in confusion, for that which was order amongst the Saints, is disorder amongst them; the Church of Christ was never Fighters, nor quarrellers, nor stoners, such Churches are the fruits of the Ministry of ENGLAND, who were made by the will of man, and never sent of Christ, and therefore they do not profit the people at all, but are persecutors of the Mes-

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sengers of Christ, and therefore we deny them. 1 Cor. 14. 32. 33. Acts 7. ver. 23. 32.

They are such teachers as have told us, we should never be made free from Sin while we are upon earth, whenas the Apostle saith; They were made free from Sin he thanks God, and had put of the body of Sin; so we Finde they had told us lies contrary to the Scripture, and the Apostle saith, While we were servants of Sin we were free from righteousnes; so in that state we Find them, and therefore we deny them. And they have told us, none shall ever be sanctifyed, nor the body of Sin destroyed, nor cleansed from Sin while they are upon the earth, whenas the Apostle said, They were sanctifyed, and the blood of Iesus Christ cleanseth from all Sin; and the Ministers of God said, they raigned as Kings, and here they deny the Scriptures, and therefore we deny them. And they deny the begotten Son of God, which Sinneth not, and calleth it blasphemy for any to witnes that born which Sins not, when the Scripture saith, He that is born of God Sinneth not, neither can he Sin, because he is born of God, and the seed of God remains in him; and he that commits Sin is of the devil, and hereby are the children of God made manifest, and the children of the devil; and as he is, so are we in this present world, and a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; if the root be holy, so are the branches, and one Fountain cannot send forth sweet water, and bitter: He that can receive it, let him: but the chiefe Priests, and elders, and Pharisees, and Seducers, and Rulers, at this stumbled then, and so they stumble now at the Light, from whence these words were given forth, which doth enlighten every one that comes into the world, and therefore we deny them. Romans 6. 18. and 6. 6. Romans 8. 10. 1 Cor. 6. 11. 1 John 1. 7. 1 John 3. 6. 9, 10. 1 John 4. 17.

And they are such teachers that have told us none shall ever be perfect while they are upon the earth, whenas Christ saith, be ye perfect as your father which is in heaven is perfect; and the Apostle saith, by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctifyed, and the Ministery of Christ is for the perfecting of the Saints, till they all come to the measure of the stature of the fulnes of Christ, to a perfect man. Here we Find them to deny the Scriptures, & the everlasting offering, and all such we cannot but deny, and we witnes the everlasting offering, which perfects for ever them that are sanctifyed. Praises to the Lord for ever, who hath sent forth his Son in the likeness of Sinfull flesh, to condemn Sin in the flesh, that in him we might be made the righteousnes of God; and all that deny perfection and sanctification, deny this offering, and the gift of God, which is perfect, and the Ministery of God, which is for perfecting the body, and such Ministers are not members of the body, nor can present any man perfect in Christ Iesus, and therefore we deny them. Mat 5. 10. Heb. 10 14, Eph. 4. 12. 13. 2. Cor. 5. 21. 1 John 1. 17.

They are such teachers as deny the everlasting Covenant, and the anointing, for if any could be witnes that they are taught of God, and that he hath written his Laws in their hearts, and put his Spirit within them, and that none need say to them, Know the Lord; then they cry out to the Ma-

gistrates, and ignorant people. These are the deceivers and false Prophets that shall come in the last times, they deny the meanes, and when any witnes that they have received an unction from the holy one, and need not that any man teach them, but as the annointing teacheth them of all things, then they cry out, These are seducers, and seduced: and so here they deny the Covenant of God, and the promise of God, and shew themselves to be the great seducers, that draw from the annointing, and Finding their Spirits contrary to the Scriptures, we cannot but deny them. Ier. 31. 33. Heb. ii. 8. 1 John 2, 20, 27.

They are such Teachers that say, revelations are ceased, and deny revelations, and so deny the Son, For no man knows the Father, but he to whom the Son reveals him, and no man knows the things of God, but the Spirit of God, and he to whom the Spirit reveals them: and the Apostle said, It pleased the Father to reveal his Son in him: And so he that denies revelations, denies both the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit; these are the Professes who talk of Religion, and have gotten a Form to trade with and have received things by tradition, but are ignorant of God, and of the Spirit, by which all the Saints were ever guided, and therefore we deny them. Mat. ii. 27. 1 Cor. 2. ii. Gal. i. 16. Phil. 3. 15.

Therefore all people consider what you do, and hold up, and worship, for the worship is but one, and the word is but one, and the baptism is but one, and the Church is but one, and the way is but one, and the light is but one, and the power is but one; but they that are without, have many teachers, many ways, many opinions and judgments, and many sects; but we have but one Priest, which is over the houshold of God, and therefore are all of one heart and soul.

Moved of the Lord, written from the Spirit of the Lord, for the cleansing of the Land of all false teachers, seduers, and deceivers, and witches, who beguile the people, and inchanters, and diviners, and Sorcerers, and hirelings, and which is for the good of all people, that fear the Lord, and own Iesus Christ to be their teacher.

From them whom the world scornfully calls quakers; but quaking and trembling we own, else we should deny the Scriptures, and the holy men of God; but the Scriptures we own, and the holy men of God; therefore wee deny all them who deny quaking.

If you say, these things are frivolous things, which you have taught us, then we have been taught frivolous things all this while; but wee fynde all these things frivolous things, wind and air, and therefore we deny them.

All people that read these things, never come more at the Steeple-house, nor pay your Priest more Tythes, till they have answered them; for if ye do, ye uphold them in their Sins, and must partake of their plagues.

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